

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
SISTER DONNA L. HAWK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Sister Donna L. Hawk of Cleveland, Ohio, as she is named the West Side Catholic Center's Walk in Faith recipient of 2009.

Throughout her life, Sister Donna Hawk has turned her faith into action, uplifting the lives of those living on the streets. Sister Donna has become a nationally-known leader by creating and operating transitional housing for the homeless, especially for women and their children fleeing domestic violence. While working for many years as a volunteer at the West Side Catholic Shelter, Sister Donna developed a special compassion for women, many of whom had young children seeking refuge from abusive situations.

In 1986, without funding, Sister Donna teamed with Sister Loretta Schulte to rally community leaders and developers in order to transform a motel on Cleveland's west side into Transitional Housing, Inc.—a place of shelter and source of counseling and resources for women and children in need. For more than twenty years, Transitional Housing, Inc. has served as a model for similar programs throughout the nation and across the world.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of Sister Donna L. Hawk, whose faith in action, unwavering belief in the possibility of transformation, and staunch advocacy has given strength and hope to countless women and children.

IN MEMORY OF HOWARD JACOBS

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, as the city of West Hollywood gathers to celebrate the life of Howard Jacobs, I am proud to join the community in recognizing his accomplishments and sharing in the sadness that he was taken from us at such a young age.

Howard Jacobs dedicated his life to helping people in need. His work with the West Hollywood City Council, the City's Disability Advisory Board, the Rent Stabilization Committee and most recently with First 5 LA, demonstrates the depth and breadth of his devotion to every segment of society. Perhaps he will be best remembered for his activism to fight HIV/AIDS discrimination and educate people about prevention, detection and treatment.

Howard experienced many serious health challenges in his life. When he was first diag-

nosed with HIV/AIDS in 1989, scientific understanding of the disease was still emerging, societal stigma was pervasive and a diagnosis was a death sentence. But Howard always rallied. He helped West Hollywood design model policies to reduce HIV transmission in the gay community. To many he seemed invincible. Even with his passing it is clear that he will continue to serve as an inspiration.

In my career in public service, I have seen so many instances when one person—one vote—one voice can make a world of difference. Howard Jacobs filled that role so many times and in so many ways. We will forever be in his debt for the world of good he brought in the short time he had to give.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. PEGGY E.
WHITEHEAD

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Peggy E. Whitehead.

Peggy E. Whitehead is originally from Virginia but relocated to New York to start her career after graduating from high school. Ms. Whitehead has worked over two decades as a bacteriologist in the lab of the Howard Johnson Corporation. Upon the closing of the facility, she hit the ground running. Determination has always been a major player in her life.

Through the years, she was promoted several times to where she is today. She holds the title of Assistant Coordinating Manager in the Ambulatory Care Department (Sub-Specialty) at Queens Hospital, where she is responsible for day to day operations of twenty clinics.

Ms. Whitehead has received the prestigious Ace Award which signifies excellence, leadership and innovation. In addition, she also received the employee of the month award on the same day. She is a member of the Greenway Angels, an organization founded by her sister, Rosetta Garrett, eight years ago. She has been a volunteer for over six years, within the American Cancer Society. She works on many events, from Making Strides, to RELAY FOR LIFE, to helping with health fairs, all of which are so vital to getting information out to the community. The Ronald McDonald House of New Hyde Park, NY has been an ongoing labor of love event for her in the past seven years. She prepares a feast for the families of the children confined to the Snyder Hospital.

She also participates in the annual New York Aids Walk. New York has the largest Aids Walk in the world, raising millions of dollars each year. Peggy has volunteered her services for eight years.

Ms. Whitehead worked with pride on the Obama Campaign and traveled to Washington, DC for the historic inauguration. Whether doing work for the Diabetic Walk or coordinating a drive to help the homeless, she

goes about each project with relentless vigor and vitality that speaks to who she is.

She has three children—Jerry, Jennifer, and Karen, and seven grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Peggy E. Whitehead.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM ON GAS TURBINES

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3029, "to establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle power generation systems." I support this bill because energy efficiency is of the utmost concern to our security, our economy and our future.

H.R. 3029 would direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle power generation systems and identify the technologies that will lead to gas turbine combined cycle efficiency of 65 percent. A combined cycle is an attribute of a power producing engine (or plant) that employs more than one thermodynamic cycle. Heat engines, which are still only able to use a portion of the energy their fuel generates (usually less than 50 percent) are a burden on the American consumer who helps support this inefficient system of energy production. The remaining heat (e.g., hot exhaust fumes) from combustion is generally wasted; combining two or more thermodynamic cycles results in improved overall efficiency.

The bill requires that the program support engineering and gas turbine design for utility-scale and megawatt-scale electric power generation. Under the bill, this includes high temperature materials, improved heat transfer capability, manufacturing technology, combustion technology, advanced controls and systems integration, advanced high performance compressor technology, and validation facilities for the testing of components and subsystems. It also requires that the program include technology and field demonstrations, and assess overall combined cycle system performance.

H.R. 3029 sets out specific program goals. In Phase I, the goal is to develop the conceptual design of and demonstrate the technology required for advanced high efficiency gas turbines that can achieve at least 62 percent combined cycle efficiency on a lower heating value basis. In Phase II, the goal is to develop the conceptual design for advanced high efficiency gas turbines that can achieve at least 65 percent combined cycle efficiency.

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